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EXDIS - FOR SECRETARY FROM HABIB

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KOREAN PASSAGE IN YOUR UNGA SPEECH

1. AS YOU WISHED, WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH KOREANS ON THE INITIATIVE YOU ARE CONSIDERING FOR KOREAN PASSAGE OF YOUR UNGA SPEECH.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER PARK'S ORIGINAL REACTION TO SUGGESTION OF SOUTH AND NORTH MEETING WITH US AND PRC AS OBSERVERS WAS NONCOMMITTAL. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR HAHM CALLED ME TODAY TO CONVEY INFORMALLY ROKG VIEW THAT GIVEN FACT KOREAN QUESTION NOW REMOVED FROM UN AGENDA, KOREANS WONDER WHETHER IT DESIRABLE TO INCLUDE ANY ELEMENT WITH REGARD TO KOREA IN YOUR SPEECH OR TO CALL SPECIAL ATTENTION TO KOREA AT THIS TIME. I TOLD HAHM THAT WE STILL BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO USE UNGA FORUM TO OUTLINE AND HIGHLIGHT OUR REASONABLE POSITION

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ON KOREA, BUT I WOULD MAKE KNOWN TO YOU ROKG CONCERNS AND

BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

3. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS UTILITY IN
EXPLICITLY NOTING FACT THAT UNGA HAS TURNED ASIDE FROM
STERILE CONFRONTATION ON KOREA AS WELL AS REITERATING

OUR POSITION CONTAINED IN YOUR JULY 22 SPEECH. IN
THAT CONTEXT INITIATIVE WHICH YOU WISH TO PUT FORWARD
FLOWS NATURALLY.

4. AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT ROKG MAY
WELL BE RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD
CALL MORE ATTENTION TO KOREA THAN THEY WOULD NOW WISH,
GIVEN SHELING OF KOREAN QUESTION AS AN ISSUE AT THE
UNGA.

5. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I RECOMMEND THAT I CONTINUE
TO SEEK FOREIGN MINISTER PARK'S AGREEMENT TO LANGUAGE
WHICH YOU WANT INCLUDED IN KOREAN SECTION. AT SAME
TIME, IF KOREANS DIG IN, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD
MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO PRESSURE THEM INTO ACCEPTING
OUR LANGUAGE. IT WOULD NOT BE WORTH THE COST IN OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONS.

6. I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PARK
TOMORROW AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE ON HOW
HARD WE SHOULD STICK TO INCLUSION OF INITIATIVE YOU

HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

7. A MORE GENERAL CONCERN AT THIS POINT FOR CAUTION
IN OUR HANDLING OF THE KOREAN QUESTION RELATES TO
NORTH KOREAN CONDUCT SINCE AUGUST 18 PANMUNJOM INCIDENT.
NORTH KOREA HAS CLEARLY EMBARKED ON NON-CONFRONTATIONAL
COURSE, FIRST WITH REGARD TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT AND
NOW IN NEW YORK. I AM ASKING EA TO DO AN INTERPRETATIVE
ANALYSIS OF NORTH KOREAN ACTS TO DATE AND THEIR
POSSIBLE POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

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